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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Brigitte GICQUEL et al.)
Application No. 09/855,604) Group Art Unit: 1636
Filed: May 16, 2001) Examiner: Konstantina T. KATCHEVES
For: POLYPEPTIDE NUCLEIC SEQUENCES EXPORTED FROM MYCOBACTERIA,
VECTORS COMPRISING SAME AND USES FOR DIAGNOSING AND PREVENTING
TUBERCULOSIS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, which set a one-month period for response, to end April 26, 2003. This response is timely filed with a Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and associated fee.

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete paragraph [033] and insert the following paragraph therefor:

--[033] d) a coding nucleotide sequence derived from a gene encoding a marker for the activity of promoters which are contained in the same fragment, said nucleotide sequence having its initiation codon. Optionally, the recombinant vector also contains a replicon which is functional in *E. coli*.--

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